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GENEVA FOR ALDRICH AND BUFFUM

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SUBJECT: FRENCH POSITION PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE

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1. WE HAVE QUERIED THE QUAI ABOUT THE IMPLICATION OF THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION FOR GOF POSITION ON PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE. QUAI OFFICER WAS AWARE OF THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION BUT DID NOT KNOW HOW THIS WOULD INFLUENCE FRENCH VOTE, WHICH REMAINS BASED ON "GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF ABSTENTION" (REF C). FRENCH DIPLOMAT -- MONACO'S MINISTER OF STATE, SAINT MLEUX -- TOLD CONSUL IN NICE APROPOS OF MONACO VOTE, THAT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER VOTE WAS SUBSTANTIVE OR PROCEDURAL, IFVTE HAD POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS, MONACO WOULD ABSTAIN. WE BELIEVE THIS ACCURATELY DESCRIBES GOF POSITION; THERE IS THE CLEAR
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IMPLICATION THAT ANY VOTE CONCERNING THE PRG HAS

POLITICAL IMPLICATION.

2. QUAI OFFICER, WHO IS IN ASIAN SECTION, WILL CONVEY U.S. VIEWS TO RESPONSIBLE PERSONS IN HIS OWN AREA AND IN UN AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SECTION, UNDER WHOSE DIRECTION THE FRENCH DELEGATION IS OPERATING AT LOW CONFERENCE. UN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR LEPRETTE WILL BE IN GENEVA FEBRUARY 4 AND WILL MEET, WE UNDERSTAND, WITH AMBASSADOR BUFFUM. THIS MEETING MAY PROVIDE A GOOD OCCASION ON WHICH TO ASCERTAIN FRENCH POSITION.

3. QUAI OFFICER ASKED WHETHER ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WAS SUCH THAT ITS DEFEAT WOULD RESULT IN DISINVITATION FOR GVN. (AS REPORTED REF C FRENCH SAY THEY WILL OPPOSE ANY RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD RESULT IN NONPARTICIPATION BY GVN). EMBOFF REPLIED HE WAS SURE U.S. POSITION WOULD BE THAT GVN HAS ALREADY BEEN INVITED AND REJECTION OF ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON ITS ATTENDANCE. QUAI OFFICER SAID OTHER DELEGATIONS MAY PUSH OPPOSING INTERPRETATION.

4.. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REF B AND ALSO NICE 523 (1974) GOF HAS ASSERTED ITS CUSTOMARY RIGHT TO HANDLING MONACO'S FOREIGN RELATIONS AND LAST YEAR'S VOTE FAVORING GVN WILL BE CHANGED TO ABSTENTION. FRENCH POSITION WILL THEREFORE INFLUENCE TWO VOTES DIRECTLY SINCE THE SEPARATE MONAGESQUE DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW FRANCE EVEN IN "PROCEDURAL" VOTES. WE PRESUME U.S. DELEGATION MAY WISH TO CLARIFY FOR GIRARD OF FRENCH DELEGATION U.S. VIEWS CONCERNING QUESTION RAISED BY QUAI IN PARA 3.
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